

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

November, 2017

Ashley Melugin Saves Her Best for Last

Ashley's four year Cross Country career came to an end with one last race on 10/28/17. Before we get to the end, some of you might not know the beginning.

The Beginning:

Ashley's freshman year she went out for Volleyball. Meanwhile Chaz Ratcliff was the ONLY cross country runner. Tyler Melugin felt bad for Chaz running by himself and he joined the team. Ashley went to watch her family run in the first meet. As the girls crossed the finish line in race before the boys, she saw their times and said "I can run that fast." She contacted Coach Harms and Coach Holton and they agreed to share her for the season. So for three years Ashley played both Volleyball and Cross Country. Running miles right after school and then joining the Volleyball team for the last hour and half of practice.

The Middle:

Freshmen year HS girls ran a 4K (2.5miles). She medaled in 3 races that season. Finishing the season 4th at Regionals to qualify for State and then a 12th place finish at State meet. Sophomore year KSHSAA increased the distant for HS girls to 5K (3.1Miles). She medaled in 7 races that season. She again finished the season 4th at Regionals to qualify for State and again a 12th place finish at the State meet. Junior year we moved from Class 1A to Class 2A. She medaled in 6 races. Finished 3rd in Regionals and 28th at the State Meet.

The End:

Ashley's medaled in 8 races this year, including 4th place at Regionals and her best State Finish of her career at 8th place. That brings her career total to 24 medals (17 regular season, 4 regional, and 3 State). She ends her career with one of the school's fastest 4K times at 17:12 and the fastest 5K time at 21:44. With this last race Ashley now will have her name on the Wall 3 times. She was thankful that after 4 years she was able to stay in a hotel the night before the State race, but even more thankful for everyone that showed up to support her on her last race. We had around 25 people show up to cheer her on, which is more than we have had all season.

Congrats Ashley on representing Flinthills so well in your career. Also thanks to Chaz for keeping the sport alive and Tyler, Mr. Holton, and Mr. Harms. Without you all this probably would not have happened.

Coach Monty



Flinthills High School Theatre Presents: **CHATEAU LA ROACH**

...an OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY for the whole Family!

Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th, the FHS Theatre Department will perform the comedy farce, Chateau La Roach, sure to tickle your funny bone. Characters from all over the world come together and witness one pesky problem at the charming Hotel on the lake. The show begins at 7:00 both evenings, with school doors opening at 6:00 and theatre doors opening at 6:30. Tickets are \$7.00.

The Cast Includes: Mimi LaRoche - Destiny Lawrence
 Francois LaRoche - Kolton Melugin
 Robin Wren - Morgan Holcomb
 Paolo Quinti - Peyton Girty
 Penelope - Sarah Hinnen
 Patrizia - Kylee Weis
 Happy Lamperson - Sam Colangelo
 Elsie Welks - Adia Witherspoon
 Gina Retch - Emily Joseph
 Roskel Goomey - Taylor Bisbee
 Josie Nackerly - Cari Brown
 Jip Nackerly - Caden Sangals
 Enira De Can - Allison Gawith
 Madame Zillinda - Emily Green
 Nigel Havic - Wade Haynes
 Lola St. Britannia - Bailey Smith
 Ronnie Zircon - Matthew Adams
 Hamula Bing - Sarah Sorum
 Liza Bethingil - Makenzie Jackson
 Christopher Cockroach - Tucker Travnichek
 Rick Rat - Dylan Taylor



The Crew Includes: Stage Manager - Ashley Melugin
 Asst. Stage Manager - Chloe Wieckhorst
 Lighting Masters - Javen McCreight
 Bradon Totty
 Lights - Drew Taylor
 Sound Master - Brayden Taylor
 Sound - Bryant Harris
 Backstage Crew - Nick Nail
 Philip Humig
 Kady Nuncio
 Make-up Master - Bailey Bugner
 Publicity - Colton Gauthier
 Lyndee Martin
 Janea Totty



Mustangs Win Regional Competition!



Flinthills High School is the South Central Regional winner in the 2017 Mascot Mania contest.

We competed against dozens of school districts, big and small, across south central Kansas and won! Flinthills High School will receive \$1,000 for the athletic department. Thanks to our amazing patrons who voted daily to help us win.

Students of the Month



Sam Colangelo

11th Grade

Parents – Joe Colangelo and DeAnna Colangelo

Hobbies – Watching football and listening to music

Activities - Football, Baseball and Forensics

Favorite Class - Chemistry



Trena Garcia

8th Grade

Parents – Genaro and Tresa Garcia

Hobbies – Reading, playing with her goats, hanging out with friends, and doing 4-H stuff.

Activities – Volleyball, 4-H, and FCA

Favorite Class - Band



Flinthills Veteran's Day Assembly



Flinthills High School Auditorium

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Friday, November 10, 2017

Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP 620-476-2215

High School Math Relays

Last Wednesday on October 25th, Mr. Freking took a group of students to the Mathematics Day Competition at Emporia State University. Math teachers from selected schools in Kansas receive invitations for a chance to bring students to participate in mathematical contests against other schools of their size. Division 1 is composed of 4A, 5A, and 6A schools that participate and Division 2 is composed of 3A, 2A, and 1A schools that participate, which is where Flinthills is at. Here are the results from the competition for our students:

In Geometry Individual,

Braden made the top 50%

Sarah Hinnen placed 9th out of 58 students

Javen McCreight placed 1st overall

In Algebra Individual,

Harley Ratcliff made the top 50%

Corbin Gauthier placed 4th place overall out of 58 students

In Algebra Team,

Corbin Gauthier, Cari Brown, and Harley Ratcliff placed 7th out of 26 teams

In Geometry Team,

Wade Haynes, Bryant Harris, and Caden Sangels placed 2nd out of 20 teams

In Math Scramble,

Javen McCreight, Ashley Melugin, and Chaz Ratcliff placed 5th out of 20 teams.

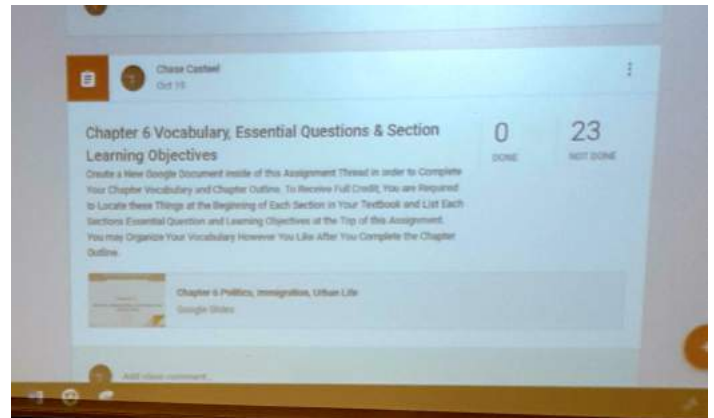
We did fairly well overall as a team and I'm proud of my students who were there! Congratulations to everybody who participated in the competition!

Straight From the Desk of Mrs. Cook

Mustang Mentor teachers meet with their assigned Mustang students every Wednesday during tutor period. This year's focus will be placed on goal setting, careers, and character traits. I know that each year every student comes back to school wanting to do his or her best.

With this in mind, each student returns in August with a common goal to “work harder than I did last year”—or the “I am going to do better this year,” goal. The desire to complete more assignments, improve attendance, or simply achieve higher grades is real, but the follow-through is often lacking and this is COMPLETELY NORMAL. Many of the high school and middle school teachers have developed their own Google Classroom. Google Classroom is an online organizational assignment and note-taking tool that exists 24/7. Students no longer have to worry about losing the assignment and teacher can monitor student completion. For those students who do not have access to the internet, teachers work with the student by providing them a paper copy of the activity, assignment, quiz, etc.

The limited success or failure often experienced by students who have never used Google Classroom is usually because the ever-important step of creating and following a plan to access the online program to execute their goal of “doing better this year” is lacking, even though the desire is there. Setting goals and learning how to work through setbacks in the ever-changing world of integration of technology into the classroom leads to a greater outcome of success, a skill that successful adults have mastered. High school is one of the last opportunities to learn this important life skill of adaptation to change.



Parents, guardians and teachers, you have a role in this important learning process. Helping students to create a plan that supports their success is critical to goal setting. Work with your student to establish a time for doing homework, when to go to bed, asking for help when they need it, how to advocate for themselves with teachers, and even eating healthy meals. Students with concrete plans to achieve goals are more likely to do so. Likewise, if a student does fail an assignment or two, even a class, teach them to keep trying until they do succeed. Character traits like resilience, self-control, and perseverance are a student and parent's best friends. The school term is into the second quarter. Encourage your son or daughter to never give up!

Mrs. Cook, MS/HS Principal

Javen McCreight and Ashley Melugin named National Wendy's High School Heisman School Winners!

To be eligible to receive Wendy's Heisman School Honors, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be leaders and role models in their schools and communities, and participate in at least 1 recognized school sport. Our school winners this year are Ashley Melugin and Javen McCreight. We are so proud of their achievements in academics, athletics, and character.

Congratulations, Ashley and Javen!



The Flinthills Staff would like to say Thank You to our PTO and Booster Club for providing dinner during parent/teacher conferences. We truly appreciate your generosity!



Bradon Totty made a desktop for Mr. Scribner during his shop class. He did a fabulous job... it's beautiful! Nice work, Bradon!!!

Happy Thanksgiving

"We are thankful for our students."

Thanksgiving Break is from November 22nd-26th.



School Picture Retakes will be on Monday, November 13th. Packets are available in the office.

Middle School Math Relays

The middle school math relay team traveled to West Elk. The 6th grade team finished 2nd, 7th grade team 2nd and 8th grade 4th. Overall we finished in 2nd place. Here are the individual results for those who placed at least in fifth place.

	6th			7th			8th	
			Integers	Laura Scribner	2nd			
				Phillip Harris	4th			
Percents	Tate Leslie	1st	Geometry	Adley Hunig	4th	Geometry	Jessie Mooney	5th
	Sydney Sorum	5th		Kaily Gilman	5th	Mental Math	Lynsee Olbrey	5th
			Mental Math	Madison Alvord	3rd	Fractions	Riggin Carney	5th
Fractions	Amanda Brown	4th	Fractions	Phillip Harris	2nd			
Potpourri	Jared Stopczynski	3rd		Adley Humig	5th	Prob & Stats	Jessie Mooney	2nd
Multiplication	Amanda Brown	5th	Order of Operations	Adley Humig	3rd		Taylor Brown	4th
				Kaily Gilman	5th	Equations	Savannah McCreight	3rd
Mental Math	Amanda Brown	4th	Charts & Graphs	Phillip Harris	2nd			
Charts & Graphs	Shane Steinhauer	3rd	Prob. & Stats	Madilynn Thomas	5th	8th Team	Savannah McCreight	
Word Problems	Jared Stopczynski	1st	Word Problems	Laura Scribner	2nd		Taylor Brown	4th
			7th Team	Laura Scribner			Lauren Donner	
				Madilynn Thomas	2nd			
				Karly Girty				

Did Someone Say Pumpkins?

The third and fourth grade students celebrated Halloween with some fun and educational pumpkin learning centers. The students cooked up some delicious pumpkin pancakes to sample, did some Halloween trivia on Kahoot, and bowled with pumpkins. They also learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin and did a STEM challenge of building towers out of toothpicks and Halloween marshmallows. Who knew pumpkins could be so educational?

Finally we were able to carve our pumpkins in small groups, which required a lot of teamwork. A special thank you to all our volunteers that came in to help lead our centers!



See our website for more pictures of the pumpkin centers.



FFA News

On October 4th, Flinthills FFA traveled to Centre High School to participate in Land Judging. Congratulations to Chris Cornell for placing 14th out of 80 participants in the Homesite Division. Also, congratulations to the team of Chris Cornell, Jeffrey Garcia, Jack Donner, and Hadley Girty for placing 11th in Land, 5th in Homesite, and 7th in Combined Divisions.

On October 11th, Gavin Girty, Jeffrey Garcia, Hadley Girty, Josh Schultz, Peyton Girty, and Gabe Oltman traveled to Isabel, Kansas to participate in Rich Poland's 25th Annual Poland Angus Livestock Judging Contest.

Our Chapter would also like to thank everyone who bought items from our FFA members' Riverstar Fruit and Meat sales. It means a lot to our Chapter and we appreciate you helping us out, the funds will be used for our numerous leadership and Career development trips. All items are expected to be delivered in the first or second week of December. Again, thank you for supporting your local FFA Chapter.

By Sarah Sorum



Employee of the Month



Caleb Ruter was selected as September's Employee of the Month. Mr. Ruter has only collected one paycheck, but is obviously making a big impact at Flinthills. Mr. Ruter currently serves as the 7th-10th Social Studies Teacher and the high school assistant basketball coach. Mr. Ruter also monitors the breakfast line and cafeteria in the morning, and is really getting to know most of the student body in Rosalia. The administration was recently contacted by Greenbush about how well Mr. Ruter assists kids in the IDL lab that he supervises for an hour. He was also characterized as one who always has a smile on his face, and kids have indicated they are learning a lot in his classes. Mr. Ruter will receive a certificate and a Flinthills Jacket.

2nd Annual Flinthills Craft Fair

Please join us for a day of shopping
and supporting our local crafters

November 18th, 2017

9:00am - 3:00pm

Flinthills High School

806 SE Rosalia Rd.

Rosalia, KS 67132



Concessions with breakfast and
lunch items will be offered

Middle School Tech Club

Last year Mrs. Austin started a Middle School Tech Club to give interested students a chance to explore new options in technology. Last year we explored basic coding. This school year students are learning how to edit video, with the future goal of creating a weekly news review that will be shared with the public. Students are enjoying this new skill!



KEEP CLIPPING!



Thank you to the Flinthills Community for the kindness shown to our students during the Intermediate Halloween Parade in Rosalia.

They always look forward to the walk downtown to greet their smiling family and neighbors.

MUSIC

Upcoming Music Programs

5-12 Band Concert

Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Rosalia

K-2 Primary Music Program

Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Cassoday

3-6 Intermediate Vocal Concert

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Rosalia

7-12 Middle & High School Vocal Concert

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Rosalia

FHS THEATRE STUDENTS TRICK OR TREAT SO KIDS CAN EAT TO HELP OTHERS

Halloween night, several Drama students were seen on a bus in the Rosalia Community where they collected non-perishable food items for those in challenging circumstances. The heartwarming response of community members resulted in bagged basics most take for granted. "It is always such a joy to witness the effort of students and patrons working together to make a difference," said Julie McCreight, FHS Theatre Director.



CRAFT SHOW
SATURDAY, NOV. 25
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
EL DORADO TRAIN DEPOT
430 N. MAIN, EL DORADO

Candies, Breads & Soup Mixes
by Tresa Garcia

Garcia's Gifts & Goodies
Jeffrey, Trena & Riley

Cheri Urban – Bracelets N' Beads

3 Varner Girls - Goat Milk Soap & Lotion
And Others!



Sixth grade student, Jared Stopczynski, reached 300 pts in the Reading Counts program & earned a popcorn party for the whole class!

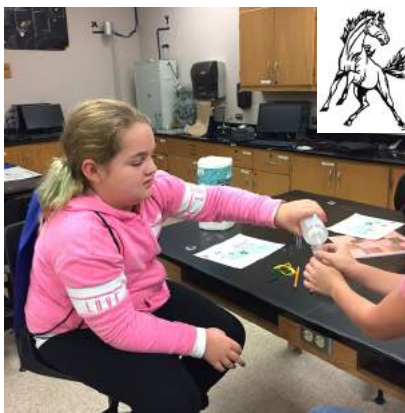
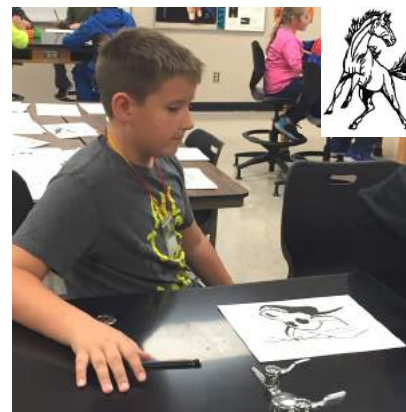
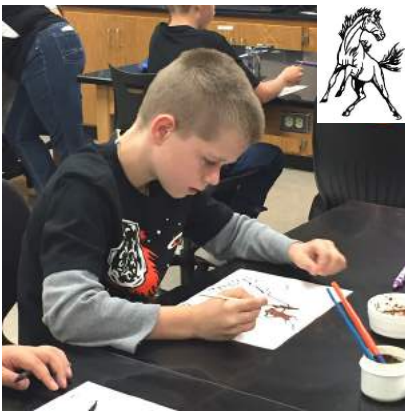


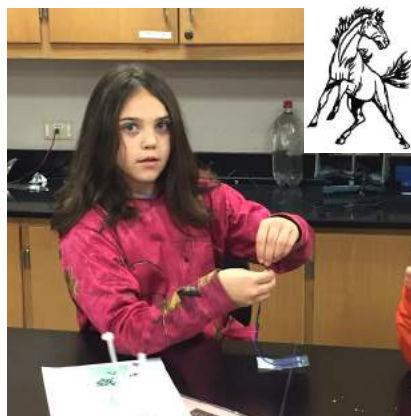
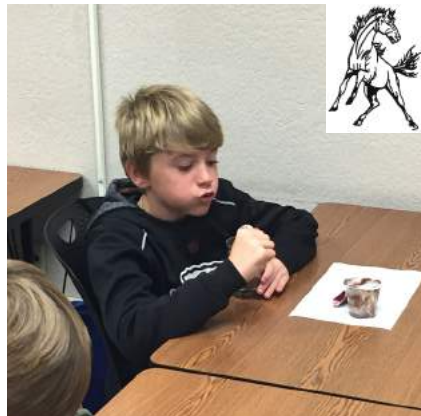
Mr. Gawith is 50, and to celebrate, he got a new "set of wheels!"

WATER DAY

The fourth graders attended BCCC Water Day on October 10th. We had a wonderful time learning about the water cycle, recycling, soil, powerline safety, and pumpkins. Make sure you check out the videos to see what the students enjoyed the most. Ms. Willard

I would like to introduce you to a new app I am using this year. It is called Aurasma, and some of you tried it out at conferences. All you have to do is download the app, create an account, and follow twillard. After you follow me, you can scan the pictures that have a Mustang in the corner. The picture will come alive with a video. Anytime you see the Mustang, scan the picture and enjoy!





Butler County Manufacturing Day

On Friday, October 6, ten high school students attended the first Butler County Manufacturing Day event in El Dorado. We arrived at BCCC at 8:30 and were treated to donuts and a short talk by Senator Bruce Givens, before loading the bus to tour 2 of 3 companies. Options were Pioneer Balloon, Graphic Concepts Inc (GCI) and Valmont. After touring these companies we returned to BCCC for tacos. Representatives from several area manufacturers in the area shared brief descriptions of their companies. Manufacturing skills can be acquired with a 2 year Associate Degree, 1-year certificate, or a Four year degree. Students felt it was beneficial and many were excited about new opportunities available to them.



Flint Hill's 4-H Club Community Leader Retires

Patty Baker, a Flint Hills 4-H Club Community Leader, is retiring after 18 years of hard work. Mrs. Baker held the community leader position from 1999-2017 and served as a project leader for 26 years. Patty has touched so many people's lives while taking on these important roles. She has helped 4-Hers prepare themselves for future careers, and taught students responsibility. "I hope somewhere along the line I made a difference in someone's life... to add? I am going to miss it." Thank you Patty, for devoting so much time and effort in helping 4-Hers become successful adults.

Flint Hills 4-H Club Reporter,
Savannah McCreight



Patty Baker with a few Flint Hills 4-H club members.

Left to right, Back Row: Sarah Sorum, Patty Baker, and Savannah McCreight

Front Row: Kristina Smith, Kolby Holcomb, and Sydney Sorum

High School Basketball 2017 Falcon Classic Schedule

Pool A	Pool B
Fairfield	Otis-Bison
Chase	Flinthills
South Haven	Stafford

Monday Dec. 4
 3:00 South Haven vs. Chase Girls
 4:30 South Haven vs. Chase Boys
 6:00 Stafford vs. Flinthills Girls
 7:30 Stafford vs. Flinthills Boys

Friday Dec. 8
 3:00 Flinthills vs. Otis-Bison Girls
 4:30 Flinthills vs. Otis-Bison Boys
 6:00 Fairfield vs. South Haven Girls
 7:30 Fairfield vs. South Haven Boys

Tuesday Dec. 5
 3:00 Stafford vs. Otis-Bison Girls
 4:30 Stafford vs. Otis-Bison Boys
 6:00 Fairfield vs. Chase Girls
 7:30 Fairfield vs. Chase Boys

Saturday Dec. 9
 12:00 Girls Pool A #3 vs. Pool B #3
 1:30 Boys Pool A #3 vs. Pool B #3
 3:00 Girls Pool A #2 vs. Pool B #2
 4:30 Boys Pool A #2 vs. Pool B #2
 6:00 Girls Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #1
 7:30 Boys Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #1

CASSODAY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHURCH BAZAAR Saturday, November 11, 2017

**Flinthills Primary School
Cassoday, Kansas**

Dinner Served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Free Will Donation
AUCTION – 7 P.M.

**Dinner includes: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Pie, Coffee or Tea**

"Country Market"

Baked Goods, Jellies, Cookies & Various Items
 Perfect for Holiday Gift Giving

"SPECIAL RAFFLE" for hand-pieced QUEEN SIZE QUILT

"Broken Arrow" pattern Size 111" X 94".

Suggested donation: \$1 each/or 6 for \$5

Funds raised help support many church activities, projects and outreach programs.

Cross Country Season Comes to an End

The Cross Country team consisted of only Senior runners this year. It is true that Cross Country is possibly the hardest sport that we have at Flinthills. The few brave non cross country athletes that have taken the Murder Monday challenge struggle to finish. For those of you that do not know, Murder Monday is the day we would drive out and run the Hills. While it is hard at first, as a runner you get stronger and before you know it you can do more than you ever thought you could. We would be glad to have some more students join the team next year and find out just how much you can conquer.

We did have one newcomer this year. Philip Humig was our recruit as manager for this season. He had not managed before but after some quick training he caught on. He became a big asset for us helping get water to runners in some of the remote places on the courses.

Our senior boys are: Bradon Totty, Kolton Melugin, and Chaz Ratcliff.

Bradon Totty: In his second year improved his 5K time during the season from 29:58 to 21:16, which landed him second fastest boy on the team. His best finish was at Udall Invitational where he finished 20th. Bradon finished his career with a personal best 5K time on 21:16.

Kolton Melugin: In his third year improved his 5K time from 31:03 to 22:04. His best finish was at the Udall Invitational where he finished 22nd. Kolton was not able to run at Regionals, so Udall was his last race. I guess he saved the best for last as the 22:04 was also his career best 5K time.

Chaz Ratcliff: The only senior boy that ran all 4 years Improved his 5K time from 25:45 to 19:15. He was a mere 24 seconds short of making it to the State Meet this year. Chaz's best finish was 12th at the SCBL League meet. He also medaled in 2 meets this year at Burlington and Udall. Chaz career best 5K time is 19:14.

I would like to thank these young men for coming out over the years and working hard. I wish them the best in their senior year and know they will do well far beyond high school.

Coach Monty

Fall Sports Senior Night



Bradon Totty



Ashley Melugin



Chaz Ratcliff



Kolton Melugin



Lakota Parker



Jonah Smith



Heath Town

Middle School Volleyball

The varsity middle school finished their season with a 2nd place finish in the league tournament losing to Argonia. 16-25, 20-25. The girls played their worst match of the year and unfortunately it was against the best team we had played. They finished the season with a 13-1 record finishing first in the regular season.

The highlight of our season was the final regular season match against Udall. The night started with our junior varsity team defeating their junior varsity team in the first set 25-5, so we played our c-team in the next set. The c-team took care of business defeating Udall 25-15. The varsity won their match 25-5 and then slacked off but still won the final set 25-22. For our c-team to defeat Udall's junior varsity like they did was a compliment to them and to our assistant coach, Coach Di. These c-team girls really improved from the beginning of the season.

In the League tournament the varsity team defeated Sedan 25-17, 25-10; Central 25-10, 25-19; CedarVale/Dexter 25-8, 25-7; West Elk 25-10, 25-16 and Udall 25-10, 25-18. The girls really played well throughout the tournament until the last match against Argonia.

Leading varsity servers for the season were: Taren Lakin 98%, Trena Garcia 94%, Tabby Brown 93%, Lynsee Olbrey 91% and Lauren Donner 90%. Lynsee Olbrey and Sydney Sorum were our toughest servers each serving 43 aces for the season. The varsity team served 88% for the year which would be good for a high school team.

The junior varsity team was 7-1 and the c-team was undefeated at 5-0. Coach Di and I are very proud of all the girls. It isn't every year you can have your teams scrimmage each other. This year all teams were good so they kept pushing each other to get better. Things really look good for the future.

Coach Harms

High School Volleyball

The varsity high school volleyball season came to an end in a loss to Southern Coffey County 19-25, 16-25. Both sets were tied at 9-9 before SCC went on runs to pull ahead. The girls didn't serve or pass as well as we have in the last couple of weeks. Taylor Bisbee and Janea Totty both played well. Taylor had 6 kills without a miss and Janea served 9 of 9 with 4 aces. We finished the season 23-16 which wasn't bad for a team that had lost 5 of 7 starters from last year's team. The girl's effort was really good, but SCC had two hard hitters which was the difference in the match. The junior varsity also had a good season winning 11 matches and losing 7, which was pretty good for a team primarily made up of freshmen.

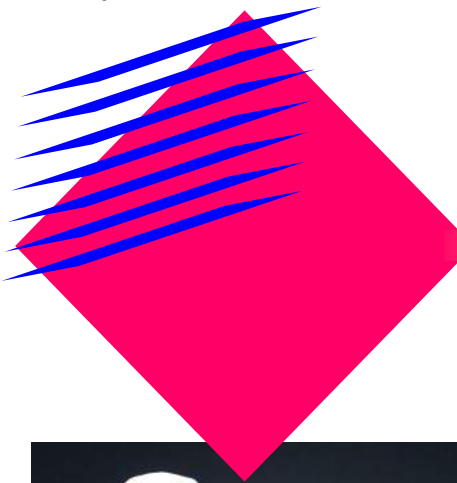
Stat leaders for the varsity season were: Taylor Bisbee 14 stuff blocks; Janea Totty 148 digs; Harley Ratcliff 97% serve percentage, 61 aces, 110 serve rating and 562 assists; Nyah Brown 18% ace percentage, Sarah Sorum .196 hitting pct., Cari Brown 280 kills, 1.26 serve receive rating. Junior varsity leading servers were Jada Humig and Morgan Holcomb.

It was a good season and Coach Ratcliff and I are very proud of them. Next year looks good since there were no seniors on the team. I told the girls that competition for positions next year will be very intense. We also talked about how we finished third this year in the league and the league tournament, but because of all the young teams in the league we will probably be a preseason third pick next year. I challenged the girls to hit harder and jump higher for next year which means they need to get into the weight room and work very hard.

The girls impressed the coaches in the league enough that they voted four players to the all-league team. Cari Brown was voted to the first team, Harley Ratcliff second team and Nyah Brown and Sarah Sorum honorable mention. Coach Ratcliff and I would like to thank the girls for improving throughout the season and fighting until the end.

Coach Harms

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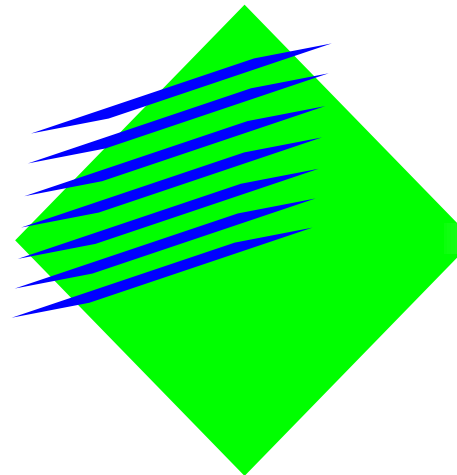


2017 Homecoming
King and Queen
Kolton Melugin
and
Hanna Wright



The candidates were crowned by kindergarten escorts, the class of 2030's Makinsey Waller and Liam Austin. Makinsey is the daughter of John and Dawn Waller and Liam is the son of Camielle and Mikhayla Austin. Their escorts are last year's homecoming queen, Payton Gawith, and last year's homecoming king, Dakota Alvord.

More Homecoming photos can be found on our school's Facebook page.



Frenzy

Fall Homecoming 2017



2017 Fall Homecoming Candidates



Bradon Totty and Bailey Smith

Bradon is the son of Russell and Tammy Totty. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, helping Justin, and going to the farm. Bradon's activities include Cross Country, Basketball, theater, and FFA. He plans on going to Pratt Community College to become a lineman.

Bailey is the daughter of Ryan and Kerri Smith. Her hobbies include hanging out with all her friends, singing, watching Clifford the Big Red Dog, cuddling with her dog Stella, and spending her money at Taco Bell. Bailey's activities include cheer, forensics, theater, vocal, Tri-m, and softball. She plans on attending Butler Community College for 2 years hopefully on cheer scholarships, then going to Wichita State to fulfill her degree in psychology.



Heath Town and Hanna Wright

Heath is the son of Adam and Carie Town. His hobbies include fishing, working on trucks, and hanging out with his friends. Heath's activities include basketball, FFA, and football. He plans on attending OSU to become a diesel mechanic for Foley Caterpillar.

Hanna is the daughter of John Wright and Justin and Teresa Fowler. Her hobbies include photography, spending time with family and friends, and watching Netflix. Hanna's activities include vocal, Tri-m, and NHS. She plans on attending Butler County Community College for 2 years and then move on to a university with an undecided major, but minor in photography. She also plans to go on many mission trips with her church.



Kolton Melugin and Destiny Lawrence

Kolton is the son of Sherry and Kirby Melugin. His hobbies include eating too much, chillin' with the boys, scrolling through memes, and over-staying his welcome at the Girty's house. Kolton's activities include forensics, Cross Country, theater, boys basketball manager, NHS, and STUCO. He plans to be successful with whatever he chooses, and to have 10 dogs.

Destiny is the daughter of Scott and Patricia Lawrence. Her hobbies include livin' it up on the weekends, jammin' to Chance the Rapper with her puppy Bennett, and harassing Mr. Casteel every chance she gets. Destiny's activities include theatre, forensics, TSA, and manager of the boy's basketball team. She plans on attending Butler Community College for 2 years then continuing her education at the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for 4 years. After the completion of her degree, she will join the United States Air Force working in weaponry. Her main goal is to live her life to the fullest and achieve her lifelong dreams.

Homecoming Games



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D.A.R.E.

**TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE**

Deputy Moore makes his weekly visit to Flinthills to teach the fifth graders the D.A.R.E. program. The students will graduate from the program in January.



We are so proud of Hutchinson Dragons Volleyball player, #2, Payton Gawith, a 2017 FHS graduate! The crowd came out to support her play against Butler Community College on October 9th. Hutch won and our Mustang crowd was very proud!



Congratulations to the following students for being selected to All-League Volleyball Teams.

Cari Brown was selected to 1st team.

Harley Ratcliff was selected to 2nd team.

Nyah Brown and Sarah Sorum received honorable mentions.

Walking the Red Carpet

Sixth graders were given newspaper, tape, and three class periods to design and create a pair of shoes that would fit a student in their group during Science class. Then they enjoyed a quick stroll down the runway in their new shoes.



Gyotaku Fish

The 8th Grade Intro to Drawing Class explored printmaking through the Japanese Gyotaku art of fish printing. Back when there were no cameras for fishermen to record their trophy catches, the Japanese came up with a unique printing method called Gyotaku. Gyo means fish, and Taku means impression, and the technique involved just that – using freshly caught fish to make inky impressions on paper. Hundreds of years ago, Japanese fishermen would take paper, ink and brushes out to sea with them. They would rub the fish they caught with the non-toxic sumi-e ink and then print them on rice paper. This eliminated the Japanese fishermen from lying about the size of the fish they caught. FMS students used rubber fish to print (they were really happy about that!). They enjoyed this process and plan on exploring options for finishing their fish prints.



Counseling CORNER



Destiny Lawrence bought Nelson a bow tie and he looks so professional in it!



Nelson wearing his "LOVE" sweatshirt...cutest puppy ever!!!

He's very loveable and gives a lot of love to all students and staff at Flinthills.



Such a handsome boy!



Nelson likes to go "bye-bye!"



Smile

Wow! October has been a jam-packed month of activities, celebrations, and memory making. We started out the month with Anti-Bullying Awareness Week where the theme was "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand!" To combat bullying, it takes a conscious effort on behalf of every student, parent, teacher, staff member, and community member to be an upstander, not a bystander. Don't stand by and allow someone to go through the darkness alone...be a light, a voice, a support.

I attended the Kansas Department of Education Conference and had a wonderful experience. The closing speaker was Manny Scott, one of the original *Freedom Writers*, and a message he delivered that rang in my heart long after the conference was over that I want to share with you.

He said, "Some students have to believe in someone else's belief in them more than they believe in themselves." As educators, we are hope to our students and their families. We must be steadfast in our faith and belief in them when they are running on an empty tank. We must fill it up with positivity and compassion. We can change the world!

I also held a Parent/Senior Information night to as seniors prepare to graduate and go out into the world to pursue their dreams. There are many scholarship deadlines, applications, and paperwork that must be done while still trying to cherish and treasure these precious high school years. Time flies by so quickly and these times are valuable.

We wore red ribbons to show our support for the messages of anti-bullying and drug-free living. The students in the younger grades were given lessons on making healthy choices for their bodies while students in middle and high school were given information on drugs and the effects on the body during our mentoring time. The lesson was very impactful

& Nelson News

and the students took notes and were deeply engaged. Each student learned something they didn't know before and we will continue those conversations this week.

Nelson Flint has become much more comfortable in the hallways of the school. Everywhere he goes he is greeted with a "Hi, Nelson" and some rubs and pats. He has students take him for walks, play with him, and give him plenty of love. He has especially enjoyed chasing leaves being blown by the wind! He is growing each day and loves his toys and treats. He has mastered potty training and "sit." The cold weather gets him hyper and he has been known to run and slam into the glass windows in the board office because he doesn't pay attention. I guess that's what happens when our maintenance department keeps the school so clean! ☺ Nelson has found his bark and likes to debut it when he gets playing or when I leave him in his "doggy den" while I leave my office. He has started puppy classes at Wag'En Tails Ranch in Valley Center. He goes once a week on Tuesday evenings. He has had a lot of homework on his way toward becoming a Flinthills Mustang "Official" therapy dog! We are always in need of some new toys and treats, and if you'd like to donate something, it would be greatly appreciated! He eats the Science Diet Large Breed puppy food and is teething, so chew toys are great! No Rawhide, please.

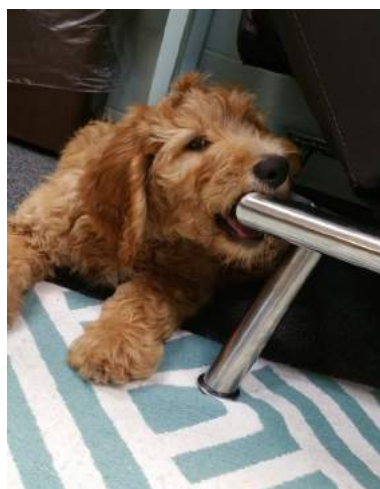


Nelson had fun visiting the primary kids in Cassoday.

He liked showing off for them that he can sit for his treats .

Hugs and "Paws"itive Thoughts,

Mrs. Boldra & Nelson



Nelson's teething so bad that the only thing giving him relief is the hard metal frame of my couch!



Nelson was worn out after all the sniffing & playing at the football game that he decided to snuggle up and rest on Mr. Triana!



He listens to Mrs. Finley when she tells him to sit!

4-H News

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club began the 2017-2018 4-H year by participating in National 4-H Week activities October 1-7. Club members shared information about 4-H and their projects at the Flinthills Primary and Intermediate schools. 4-H'ers also showed their 4-H pride by wearing green or by wearing 4-H shirts during the week.

4-H Week wrapped up with 48 Hours of 4-H on October 7. 48 Hours of 4-H was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities — "To Make the Best Better" and was celebrated in every extension unit across Kansas.

For their 48 Hours of 4-H service project, the Cassoday Boosters cleaned weeds and trees from the fence line of a local business. The club also provided fall décor to several locations in Cassoday. The members painted pumpkins and purchased mums to deliver to the gas station, the community building, the primary school and a park.

On October 7, the Cassoday Boosters also held an enrollment party at their monthly meeting. The group ended the day with a bonfire and cookout.

On October 13 the club participated in the Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign, a national fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming. Members greeted customers and handed out homemade cookies at Tractor Supply in Augusta to help support this fundraiser.

-Trena Garcia, Reporter



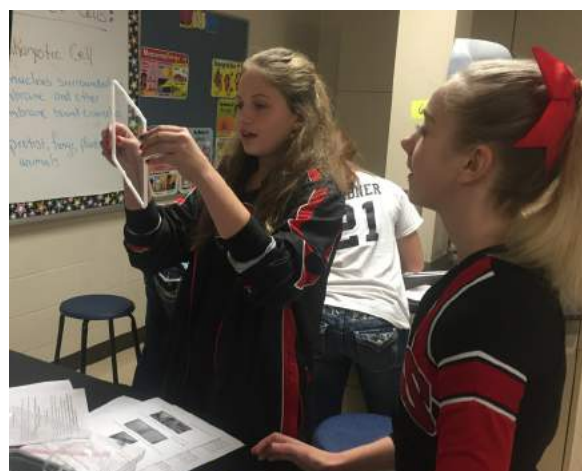
Members of the Cassoday Boosters during 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project



The Cassoday Boosters greeting customers at Tractor Supply

Bubbles Bubbles Everywhere!

Soap bubbles behave a lot like cell membranes. They're flexible and can self-repair. 7th Grade Students used soap bubbles to perform a cell membrane lab. Several membrane properties were demonstrated, such as fluidity, self-repair, and the incorporation of membrane proteins. In addition to learning this lab was just plain fun!



Walk-A-Thon



The Intermediate school participated in the 4th annual Walk-A-Thon on October 25th. The students raised \$2,719.50. The winners that raised the most money were: 1st place - Hunter Davis brought in \$547.00, winning the Grand Prize of \$100; 2nd place - Lilly McNary brought in \$390.00 winning a prize of \$75, and 3rd place - Alex Scribner brought in \$237.00, winning the \$50 prize.

The class that earned the most was also rewarded with a pizza party and that goes to the 4th grade! Congratulations to everyone!!!

PTO will use the donations to support our Flintheills teachers and classrooms by purchasing needed supplies, providing prizes for RC, sending our kids on field trips, and more! This isn't possible without community support. THANK YOU!



Make these pictures come to life!

Flintheills Intermediate would like to introduce you to a new app. We are going to be using Aurasma this year to make some of our pictures come alive. All you have to do is download the app, create an account, and follow Flintheills. After you follow us, you can scan the pictures that have a Mustang in the corner. The picture will come alive with a video. Anytime you see the Mustang, scan the picture and enjoy!





Jaycee Kay Casteel

Born on October 10, 2017 at 11:39pm.
Weighing 9 lbs, .07 oz and measuring 21" long.

Jaycee is the daughter of Chase and Jenna Casteel and little sister to brother Conner.

Chase is the Flinthills History Teacher, resident software technician and coach.



Avery Jean Ann McGee

Born on September 10, 2017 at 11:30pm.
Weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz and measuring 19" long.

Avery is the daughter of Jacie and Travis McGee.

She is the granddaughter of a beaming Julie Mooney who is Flinthills' 7-9 English teacher.



Claire Freking

Born on September 26th, 2017 at 4:32pm.
Weighing 7lbs, 8oz and measuring 18" long.

Claire is the daughter of Josh and Lori Freking.

Josh is our Flinthills High School Math teacher.



Students Enjoy Learning “Choice Art”

3rd Grade Art Students are excited to be exploring art in a new way. Choice Art is a method of teaching where students are taught new skills each class, but then are free to pursue their own ideas. The knowledge they learn from the mini-lessons help their problem solving and critical thinking skills as they are challenged to figure out how to take their ideas and make them into a reality for others to see. Choice Based Art is part of the TAB method (Teaching Artistic Behavior) where students learn to think like an artist. Many students find this challenging as they are encouraged to explore their creativity in new ways. Students have centers where they draw, paint, collage, sew, weave or sculpt. Given the tools to create, it is amazing what these students can create when given time, materials, and encouragement. When your child brings home an artwork, ask them to tell you about the ideas behind it. You’ll be amazed at the level of thought that goes into these sculptures!



Butler County Special Education Interlocal

COUNT YOUR KID IN 2017 – 2018

Count Your Kid In is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children living in Butler County. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County Special Education Interlocal and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning, please call 316-775-6904 to schedule a free appointment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 10, 2017	Douglass Church of Christ 201 W. 1 st Street, Douglass, 316-746-2751
December 8, 2017	Andover St. Vincent DePaul Church 123 N. Andover Rd, Andover, 316-733-1423
January 12, 2018	Augusta First Baptist Church 1501 State Street, Augusta, 316-775-5466

To schedule an appointment for your child call: 316-775-6904

They're creepy and they're kooky, Mysterious and spooky,
They're all together ooky, The Flinthills Family.



Halloween at the Primary and Intermediate Schools



Flinthills Mustangs Men's Basketball

Mustang Student Athletes and Parents,

The anticipation and excitement for the upcoming 2017-2018 Mustangs Basketball Season has been evident at school and within the entire Flinthills community. As the season is about to begin, with our **first practice** two weeks away - **Monday, November 13th** - I would like to welcome everyone back for what is going to be a GREAT SEASON! I want to thank everyone who participated in and/or helped with the K-12 Summer Basketball Camp. The camp was a great success with over 50 campers; the largest number in attendance since the camp has begun. The summer camp is very beneficial for the future of the Flinthills Mustangs Basketball Program. We have seen a number of young men and women put in the extra effort during the off-season and the entire basketball coaching staffs are looking forward to seeing the successes this season has in store.



The high school boys basketball **parent meeting** will be held on **Tuesday November 14th at 6:00 pm** immediately following practice in Mr. Casteel's room. In order to update my records with the most current information I have attached an emergency contact information form. If you know you will be unable to attend the parent meeting, please fill out the information and have your student athlete return the paperwork to me. If you will be attending please come with the form already filled out.

I believe we have athletes that possess a great deal of potential and ability. I know that with the right attitude we can achieve most anything. As the leader of your coaching staff, I promise to never quit on our student athletes and I will do everything in my power to make their hard work pay off. To ensure success this season all Mustangs should exhibit the following:

Mustang Basketball Core Values

- ❖ Be an Example of Hard Work and Total Effort 100% of the Time
- ❖ Have a True Excitement and Enthusiasm to Get Better Individually and as a Team
- ❖ Willingness to Sacrifice Individual Egos in the Effort to Achieve Something Greater than Ourselves
- ❖ Be Honest with Ourselves and Approach Constructive Criticism as a Tool for Growth
- ❖ Display Mental Toughness in Times of Great Pressure and Stress
- ❖ Confront Negativity, Pessimism, and Laziness Constructively and Professionally and Band Together for Support During the Tough Times
- ❖ Always Represent the School, the Team, Your Family, and Yourselves with Class and Pride

I Look Forward to Seeing Everyone on Tuesday the 14th.

Chase A. Casteel
 Flinthills High School
 History and Government Teacher
 Men's Varsity Basketball Coach

*Please see the information form
 on the next page.*

**High School Men's Basketball
Emergency Contact Information Form**



Student Athlete Name / Grade Level:

Names of Parents / Legal Guardians: (include relationship)

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers: (provide 2)

Potential Medical Issues: (allergies, injuries, illnesses or disabilities)

Student Athlete Signature:

Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

Students Learn About Local Agriculture

Our third grade students attended the 2017 Butler County Ag Day at a farm near Leon. We joined other classes from around Butler County to learn about different types of crops grown in Kansas. We had a sprayer and combine that we could see up close and learned many facts about them. There was a mobile dairy classroom as well as a mobile soil classroom. The students really enjoyed learning a bit about cowboy life and petting the horses. We also were able to pet and lead several other farm animals including an alpaca. It was a great learning experience to learn more about agriculture right here in Butler County.



See more pictures from Ag Day on our website, www.usd492.org

Thank You!!!

Flinthills Primary Staff and Students want to extend their gratitude to Shari with the Cassoday Country Store for such thoughtfulness toward each and every student with the Halloween treats they provided this year!

We are truly blessed with the best community!

Thank you again!!!

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 HS Scholars Bowl @ Caldwell 4:30	3 STUCO Blood Drive 8:30—2:30	4 SCKMEA District MS Band/Choir Concert SCKMEA HS District Auditions Sub-State Football
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 BUFFER WEEK FFA @ Ark City	7 BUFFER WEEK HS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45 JV Scholars Bowl @ McPherson 3:30	8 BUFFER WEEK	9 BUFFER WEEK HS Scholars Bowl @ Burden 4:30	10 BUFFER WEEK Veterans Day Assembly 10:00 FHS Theatre Production 7:00	11 BUFFER WEEK Veterans Day FHS Theatre Production 7:00 State Semi Finals Football
12 BUFFER WEEK	13 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 1st Day of Practice Lifetouch Retakes - Cassoday 8:15 Rosalia 10:30 MS BB vs. Altoona Midway 5:00	14 HS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan 4:30	15 FFA @ McPherson Fall Sports Banquet 6:30	16 MS BB @ Udall 4:00	17	18 State Football Finals Craft Fair
19	20 HS Scholars Bowl @ Rosalia 4:30 MS BB @ Sedan 4:00	21	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Booster Club 6:00	28 5-12 Band Concert 7:00	29	30 MS BB vs. Central 5:00		

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 HS BB vs. Lebo 4:45	2 SCKMEA District HS Band/Choir Concert HS WR @ Rosalia 9:00
3	4 HS Scholars Bowl @ Udall 4:30 HS BB—Fairfield Classic	5 HS BB—Fairfield Classic	6	7 MS BB vs. West Elk 5:00	8 FFA @ Hutchinson HS BB—Fairfield Classic	9 ACT Test HS WR @ Hesston 9:00 HS BB—Fairfield Classic
10	11 BOE @ Cassoday 7:30 Primary Concert 7:00 HS Scholars Bowl @ South Haven 4:30	12 HS BB vs. Altoona Midway 6:00	13 FFA—Ag Sales & Comm. (TBD) Winter Sports Pictures 1:30 Vocal Concert - 3-6 @ 6:30 7-12 @ 7:30	14 Tri-M Nursing Home Caroling MS BB vs. Argonia 5:00	15 HS BB @ Eureka 6:00	16
17	18 HS Finals 5-6-7 MS BB @ Dexter 4:00 Holiday Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45	19 End of 1st Semester 1:00 Dismissal HS Finals 1-2-3-4	20 NO SCHOOL Staff Dev/Work Day	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE
24 NO WINTER PRACTICE	25 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE Christmas	26 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	27 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30
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Happy "Howl-o-Ween" from the "Hottest Dog" in town... Nelson Flint celebrating Halloween by dressing up as a hot dog.



Ms. Mooney's eight grade classes just finished reading the novel, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. The story takes place in 1960's with teenagers and the gangs the Greasers and the Socs. As a culminating activity, they participated in an Outsiders dress up day. The students could choose to dress up like a Greaser or a Soc.